



Donald Francis Rogers

May 21, 1938 - January 12, 2021

Donald Francis Rogers passed away peacefully on January 12th, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Eugenia Rogers, and daughters, Donna Best Greenspan (Loren), Laura Napoleon (Rik), and Linda Sprinkle Anderson (Forrest), and his brother, Dermott Rogers. As well as his seven grandchildren, Brooke Stuart, Cole Napoleon (Stevie), David Stuart, Parke Napoleon, Steele Napoleon (Kimmy Jo), Christian Best, and Genia Sprinkle.

Donald was born on May 21st, 1938 in New York City to the late Patrick and Josephine (McConnon) Rogers. He entered the United States Navy and attended Gompers High School. On July 15th, 1956 he married the love of his life, Eugenia Rogers. From a young age Donald had a passion for sales and worked tirelessly at many jobs. He sold Bloomingdales shopping bags in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral, shoeshined, landscaped, drove for UPS, and sold Good Humor ice cream.

In 1973, he packed up his wife and three daughters and drove South to Florida. He worked for Webb Bolt and Nut in Orlando for four years. In 1977, Donald and his wife Eugenia started selling nuts and bolts out of their home garage. He named his company Merit Fasteners which turned into a successful four branch nut and bolt distribution center in the Southeast United States.

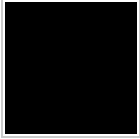
He was an active member of Annunciation Catholic Church and was involved in the school which his seven grandchildren attended. Upon his retirement, he and his wife traveled by RV throughout the United States seeing all fifty states and Canada. Donald enjoyed traveling, watching the news/history channel, golfing, photography, New Smyrna Beach, The Giants, chocolate, and his labradoodle Lulu. His grandchildren called him Papa and he was committed to attending every single one of their events.

Papa was always willing to help others and was very generous. His selfless qualities helped many throughout his lifetime. He is remembered by his crystal blue eyes, his sharp appearance and zest for life. Papa left a legacy of hard work and determination in which he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 18th, 2021 at Annunciation Catholic Church, 1020 Montgomery Rd, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714. The Memorial Mass will be lived streamed as well at the following link: <http://youtu.be/xk8WQnaAGn0>

The family of Donald Francis Rogers invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his memory.

Tribute Wall



“ Although I am the youngest of Uncle Donald's brother John's 8 children, I have fond memories of visiting Florida and meeting the extended Rogers family.

It was great to see the family again (I was only 3 when we lived there in 1973), and spend time getting to know our cousins, Aunts and Uncles.

As I remember fondly, Uncle Donald's home was like a kids Playland. I loved the lake - boating, Jet Skiing, swimming in the pool. He was like a big kid and seemed to love his toys, sharing them graciously for all to enjoy. It was tremendous fun.

My father would often tell me how much I reminded him of his younger brother Donald. Albeit separated by miles and time, I feel like we were kindred souls.

May his memory live long in our hearts and his soul rest in everlasting peace.

Lee, Dylan, Mackenzie and I send our love and condolences to Uncle Donald's wife Aunt Genia, his children and lovely grandchildren.

With our love - his nephew and Godson,

*Donald B. Rogers
Westchester, New York*

D Rog - January 17, 2021 at 09:36 PM

KP

“ *It is always hard to have lost someone who you truly could call a friend. Mr. Rogers as we called him was and will always be so dear to us as a family. My papa Earl Christian was a good man and Mr. Rogers was a good man as well. Throughout the years of their friendship, they shared the love for their family, a committed and dedicated work ethic and a great spiritual belief. My dad would always bring home an update from his friend Mr. Rogers about his children and their accomplishments or the amazing things that his grandchildren were doing in school or in athletics. They shared a lot these two... they were both gentle men and both so loved by so many.*



It is with a heavy heart that I speak on behalf of our family that we hold all of you dear and near at this time. My dad and your dad created such a bond with our families that it is certainly one of the most beautiful blessings in our lives. To have been loved by such a man as your husband, father, granddad, or friend will always bring each of you more strength than you know.

We ask that God bring you peace and understanding during this time. Our prayers are that you find comfort in knowing that God has prepared a place in heaven for Mr. Rogers... and most likely it will be right next to my dad. I imagine that the two of them will find a never ending peace and joy as God has intended it to be.

Elise, Kim and Sydney

Kimberly Palmer - January 17, 2021 at 01:28 PM

DD

“ *Dan, Linda, Jen, Jeff and Jordan Dunham purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald Francis Rogers.*



Dan, Linda, Jen, Jeff and Jordan Dunham - January 16, 2021
at 11:18 AM

MR

“ I have fond childhood memories of barbecues @ Uncle Donald's home in Long Island ... Swimming in the pool, croquet on the lawn, bat mitten, tossing horse shoes, & playing football .

I remember looking @ a house with Uncle Donald & my Dad that was for-sale nearby ...

I recall thinking how great it would be to move to a home nearby & grow up with all of our cousins from both Uncle Donald's & Uncle Dermot's families...

*When I needed a Sponsor for my Confirmation
I Chose Uncle Donald ... and he graciously accepted ...*

Unfortunately, life moved us all in different directions ...

*When I was 12 years old we moved to Orlando Florida ... Uncle Dermot was there to help us get
A new home & Uncle Donald was soon to follow ...
He stayed with us for a few weeks as he too was looking to relocate with his family ...*

I recall the joy I felt when once again I thought the “Rogers family” would all be together again ...

Unfortunately, once again, as life goes we returned to NewYork soon thereafter ...

Although we were miles apart, the smiles & memories are etched in my heart ❤️ ...

As A Catholic I know we will be together again & until then I will keep you in my thoughts & prayers ...

*My family & I send our deepest sympathy/condolences to all ❤️🙏
❤️ ...*

Michael Joseph Donald Rogers - January 15, 2021 at 06:56 PM

MR

“ *Michael Joseph Donald Rogers lit a candle in memory of Donald Francis Rogers*



Michael Joseph Donald Rogers - January 15, 2021 at 06:07 PM

MA

“ *McKeever and Associates purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Donald Francis Rogers.*



McKeever and Associates - January 15, 2021 at 03:37 PM